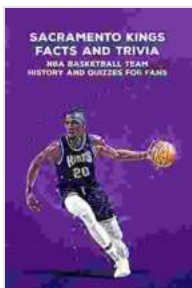


Sacramento Kings: The Ultimate Guide to the NBA Team

The Sacramento Kings are one of the most iconic teams in the NBA, with a rich history and passionate fan base. From their early days in Rochester, New York, to their move to California and their current home in Sacramento, the Kings have captivated basketball fans for generations.



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In this comprehensive guide to the Sacramento Kings, we'll take a deep dive into the team's history, legendary players, and unforgettable moments. Whether you're a lifelong Kings fan or just getting to know the team, you'll find something to love in this ultimate guide.

Early History in Rochester

The Sacramento Kings' roots can be traced back to 1945, when they were founded as the Rochester Royals in Rochester, New York. The Royals were one of the original teams in the Basketball Association of America

(BAA), which later merged with the National Basketball League (NBL) to form the NBA.

Led by star players such as Bob Davies and Arnie Risen, the Royals quickly became a force in the BAA. They won the league championship in 1951, and Davies was named the league's Most Valuable Player.

In 1957, the Royals moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, and were renamed the Cincinnati Royals. They spent 14 seasons in Cincinnati, but never quite reached the same heights as they had in Rochester.

Move to California and Sacramento

In 1985, the Royals relocated to Sacramento, California, and became the Sacramento Kings. The move was a controversial one at the time, but it has since proven to be a success.

The Kings quickly embraced their new home, and the city of Sacramento has become one of the most passionate basketball markets in the country. The Kings have consistently sold out their home games, and their fans are known for their enthusiastic support.

Legendary Players

Throughout their history, the Sacramento Kings have been home to some of the greatest players in the NBA. Some of the most notable Kings include:

- **Oscar Robertson:** The "Big O" is one of the most iconic players in NBA history. He played for the Kings from 1960 to 1970, and led the team to the NBA Finals in 1966. Robertson was a 12-time All-Star and

was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1980.

- **Dave Bing:** Bing was a four-time All-Star and was named the ABA's Most Valuable Player in 1971. He played for the Kings from 1977 to 1979, and was a key member of the team's first playoff appearance in Sacramento.
- **Chris Mullin:** Mullin was a five-time All-Star and was named to the NBA's All-Defensive First Team five times. He played for the Kings from 1985 to 1997, and was a key member of the team's first Pacific Division championship in 1991.
- **Vlade Divac:** Divac was a two-time All-Star and was named to the NBA's All-Defensive Second Team four times. He played for the Kings from 1998 to 2004, and was a key member of the team's run to the Western Conference Finals in 2002.
- **Peja Stojakovic:** Stojakovic was a three-time All-Star and was named to the NBA's All-Rookie Second Team in 1999. He played for the Kings from 1998 to 2006, and was a key member of the team's run to the Western Conference Finals in 2002.

Unforgettable Moments

The Sacramento Kings have had their share of unforgettable moments over the years. Some of the most memorable include:

- **1951 NBA Championship:** The Rochester Royals defeated the New York Knicks in the 1951 NBA Finals, winning the league championship in just their fifth season of existence.

- **1985 Move to Sacramento:** The Kings' move to Sacramento in 1985 was a major event for the city. The team quickly became a symbol of Sacramento pride, and their games are always a sellout.
- **1991 Pacific Division Championship:** The Kings won their first Pacific Division championship in 1991, led by Chris Mullin and Mitch Richmond. The team went on to reach the Western Conference Semifinals that year.
- **2002 Western Conference Finals:** The Kings reached the Western Conference Finals for the first time in franchise history in 2002, led by Vlade Divac and Peja Stojakovic. The team lost to the Los Angeles Lakers in the Western Conference Finals, but their run to the Finals was a major accomplishment.
- **2019 NBA Draft:** The Kings selected Marvin Bagley III with the second overall pick in the 2019 NBA Draft. Bagley is a highly touted prospect, and his addition to the team has given Kings fans hope for the future.

The Future of the Sacramento Kings

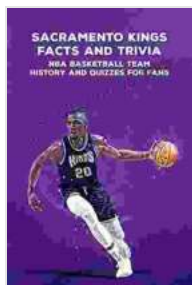
The future of the Sacramento Kings looks bright. The team has a young and talented roster, and they are led by a promising coach in Mike Brown. The Kings are poised to make a run at the playoffs in the coming years, and they could be a contender for the NBA championship in the future.

If you're a fan of basketball, then you need to check out the Sacramento Kings. The Kings are one of the most exciting teams in the NBA, and they have a rich history and passionate fan base. Whether you're a lifelong Kings fan or just getting to know the team, you'll find something to love in this ultimate guide.

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